

Abstract

Diploma thesis “*al Jazeera versus al Arabiya – Media Rivalry of Qatar and Saudi Ruling Families during the 2006 Lebanon War*” deals with domestic Arab satellite channels – Qatar al Jazeera and Saudi al Arabiya – and their way of reporting about the war in Lebanon in 2006. Their news coverage is put into context of rivalry between Qatar and Saudi ruling families. The thesis focuses on wide range of issues including the role of media in foreign policy of Qatar and Saudi Arabia, use of media for securing stability of the ruling regimes and for pursuing their regional influence. Main theoretical concept of the thesis is the Arab media model which enables projection of interests of the ruling families in Qatar and Saudi Arabia into their media.